

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL FARE PACKAGE OF IA/ AI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Airlines and Air India have offered any special fare package to various destinations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; sector-wise;
- (c) whether any other domestic private airlines and foreign airlines have reciprocated the IA/AI's proposal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):-Yes, Sir. In order to promote domestic tourism as well as to attract foreign tourists, both the airlines offered special fare package to various destinations. Air India has offered special group/individual tour based fares in combination with land packages. The fares are offered to the tour operators/ travel agents ex-India on the destinations viz. Frankfurt/Paris, London, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Birmingham, Toronto, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Tokyo, Osaka, Nairobi, Dar-es-Salaam and Jakarta.

Indian Airlines had launched holiday packages as `IA Flyaways`in the year 1999. It negotiated attractive rates with leading hotels and coupled the hotel rates with special air fares and launched single window holidays packages for the convenience of the travellers. These packages are available on 8 international and 22 domestic sectors covering more than 80 destinations. The Indian Airlines Package includes Return airfares in economy class, airport-hotel airport transfer, room, meals, various sight-seeing options, etc. The package duration ranges from 2 nights/3 days, for a regular one stop package upto 12 nights/13 days in case of some of the itinerary packages.

(c) and (d): No such information is maintained in this regard. It is, however, usual practice for carriers to come up with lucrative packages in order to sustain them in the competitive market.